BARTLETT'S FARM NANTUCKET

White Surf Plectranthus

Plectranthus 'White Surf'



White Surf Plectranthus foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Swedish Ivy, Mexican Mint, Spur Flower

Description:

Attractive variety grown primarily for its deep green and white variegated foliage; trailing form should be occasionally trimmed to maintain shape; a lovely addition to the garden or containers; heat tolerant

Ornamental Features

White Surf Plectranthus' attractive serrated heart-shaped leaves remain forest green in color with showy white variegation throughout the year on a plant with a trailing habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

White Surf Plectranthus is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Surf Plectranthus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

White Surf Plectranthus will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

White Surf Plectranthus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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